

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method of facilitating compliance with location dependent governmental requirements, comprising:

determining location information associated with a vehicle operated by a user;

determining governmental requirement information based on the location information;

and

facilitating the user's compliance with the governmental requirement information.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the location information is associated with at least one of: (i) latitude and longitude information, (ii) map coordinate information, (iii) a location type, or and (iv) an indication of a geographic region.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the determination of the location information is performed via at least one of: (i) a global positioning system device, (ii) a wireless communication network device, (iii) a wireless telephone, or and (iv) a Bluetooth device.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the governmental requirement information is associated with at least one of: (i) a law, (ii) a regulation, or and (iii) a rule.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~user is associated with a mobile user device, and the mobile user device comprises~~ vehicle is associated with at least one of: (i) ~~a portable computing device, (ii) a personal digital assistant, (iii) a vehicle, (iv) an~~

automobile, or ~~(v) a communication device, (vi) a wireless telephone, (vii) a pager, (viii)~~ (ii) a container, ~~and (ix) a weapon~~.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the determination of the location information comprises:

receiving the location information at a requirement controller from a remote vehicle ~~user~~ device.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein said receiving occurs at least one of: (i) periodically, (ii) upon a change in a location type, or and (iii) in association with a requirement request.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein said facilitating comprises:

transmitting the governmental requirement information to the vehicle ~~user~~ device.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the determination of the requirement information comprises:

receiving the governmental requirement information at a vehicle ~~user~~ device from a remote requirement controller.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

transmitting the location information to the requirement controller.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said transmitting is performed at least one of: (i) periodically, (ii) upon a change in a location type, or and (iii) in association with a requirement request.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein at least one of the following are also transmitted from the vehicle ~~user~~ device to the requirement controller: (i) a user identifier, (ii) a vehicle ~~user device~~ identifier, (iii) a requirement request, (iv) a requirement type, (v) user preference information, or ~~and~~ (vi) supplemental information.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said facilitating comprises: receiving the governmental requirement information from the requirement controller.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said facilitating comprises: arranging for an indication to be provided to the user in accordance with the governmental requirement information

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the indication comprises at least one of: (i) text information, (ii) audio information, or ~~and~~ (iii) graphical information.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the indication includes at least one of: (i) a description of a requirement, or ~~and~~ (ii) a penalty associated with the requirement.

18. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said facilitating is further based on supplemental information.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the supplemental information is associated with at least one of: (i) operation of a user device, (ii) weather information, (iii) a current time, (iv) a current date or ~~and~~ (v) user information.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said facilitating comprises:
automatically arranging for ~~a user device~~ the vehicle to operate in accordance with the requirement information.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the determination of the location information is performed by a vehicle ~~user~~ device, and the vehicle ~~user~~ device determines requirement information via a local location dependent requirement database.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the determination of the requirement information is associated with at least one of: (i) a location dependent requirement database, (ii) a rules-based system; (iii) a statistical analysis, (iv) human judgment, or ~~and~~ (v) a third-party service.

23. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
arranging to receive payment in exchange for facilitating compliance with the location dependent requirements.

24. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein compliance is facilitated with respect to a plurality of location dependent governmental requirement types.

25. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a processor; and
a storage device in communication with said processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to:
determine location information associated with a vehicle operated by a user;
determine governmental requirement information based on the location information; and

facilitate the user's compliance with the governmental requirement information.

26. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein said storage device further stores at least one of: (i) a location dependent requirement database, or ~~and~~ (ii) a requirement request database.

27. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 25, further comprising:

a communication device coupled to said processor and adapted to communicate with at least one of: (i) a user device, (ii) a requirement controller, (iii) a supplemental information device, or ~~and~~ (iv) a payment device.

28. (currently amended) A medium storing instructions adapted to be executed by a processor to perform a method of facilitating compliance with location dependent governmental requirements, said method comprising:

determining location information associated with a vehicle operated by a user;

determining governmental requirement information based on the location information;

and

facilitating the user's compliance with the governmental requirement information.

29. (canceled)

30. (currently amended) A method of facilitating compliance with location dependent governmental requirements, comprising:

determining governmental requirement information;

determining a current location associated with a vehicle operated by a user;

determining location information based on the governmental requirement information and the current location; and

facilitating the user's compliance with the governmental requirement information.

31. (new) A method, comprising:

storing at a vehicle device information about at least one item stored in a vehicle;

determining a current location associated with the vehicle;

determining governmental requirement information based on the current location;

determining that a vehicle route violates the governmental requirement information based on the information about the at least one item stored within the vehicle; and

proposing an alternate route to a driver of the vehicle.

32. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the governmental requirement is a hazardous material requirement.

33. (new) The method of claim 32, wherein the vehicle includes a container the vehicle device comprises a container device.

34. (new) The method of claim 33, wherein said determining the governmental requirement information includes the container device receiving the governmental requirement information from a requirement controller.

35. (new) The method of claim 33, wherein said determining the governmental requirement information comprises the container device transmitting the information about the at least one item stored within the vehicle to a requirement controller.